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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EFIN, EAGR

SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL FUND FOR AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT
(IFAD): SITE AND PRESIDENCY

REFERENCE: TEHRAN 12253

1. SEPTTEL PROVIDES SPECIFIC GUIDANCE ON US POSITION ON
ISSUE OF IFAD PRESIDENCY AND SITE. THIS TELEGRAM PROVIDES
ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE FOR EMBASSY'S USE IN RESPONDING TO
NOTE TRANSMITTED REFTTEL.

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TION IRAN HAS MADE TO IFAD. IRAN, WE RECOGNIZE, HAS
PLAYED A CENTRAL ROLE IN IFAD SINCE ITS CONCEPTION AND HAS
WORKED TIRELESSLY TOWARDS ACHIEVING AN ADEQUATE LEVEL OF
RESOURCES FOR THE INSTITUTION.

B. WE RECOGNIZE THAT AS THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTOR AMONG THE OPEC COUNTRIES IRAN HAS A PARTICULARLY PROMINENT ROLE TO PLAY IN THESE TWO RELATED DECISIONS.

C. IT HAS ALWAYS BEEN OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE SITE AND PRESIDENCY WOULD BE DIVIDED BETWEEN CATEGORY I AND II. EARLIER CONTACTS ON THESE MATTERS LEAD US TO BELIEVE

THAT CATEGORY II WAS INTERESTED PRIMARILY IN THE IFAD PRESIDENCY RATHER THAN THE HEADQUARTERS SITE. IT WAS IN THIS CONTEXT THAT WE HAD INDICATED PRIVATELY TO THE GOI THAT THE US COULD FAVORABLY CONSIDER A QUALIFIED CANDIDATE FROM THE OPEC COUNTRY WHICH MADE THE LARGEST CONTRIBUTION TO SERVE AS THE IFAD PRESIDENT.

D. THE TWO MOST RECENT COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN, HOWEVER, SUGGEST A DIMINISHED INTEREST ON THE PART OF IRAN FOR THE PRESIDENCY AND A PREFERENCE FOR THE HEADQUARTERS SITE. MOREOVER, OTHER OPEC COUNTRIES STILL SEEM INTENSELY INTERESTED IN THE PRESIDENCY.

E. IT IS, THEREFORE, NOT CLEAR TO THE UNITED STATES WHERE IRAN AND OTHER CATEGORY II COUNTRIES NOW STAND IN THEIR DELIBERATIONS ON THESE MATTERS AND WE ARE THEREFORE NOT ABLE TO ARRIVE AT OUR OWN FINAL POSITIONS. IN ORDER FOR US TO BE IN A POSITION TO COMMENT DEFINITELY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THE HEADQUARTERS AND THE PRESIDENCY, WE WOULD, THEREFORE, APPRECIATE A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE CATEGORY II POSITION ON EACH. IN THIS LIGHT WE WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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